LONG, LONG AGO...

...THERE WAS A TIME WHEN NOTHING BUT MERE MATTER EXISTED IN THIS WORLD.

IN THE TEEMING OOZE, FORMS OF A CERTAIN **SOMETHING** APPEARED, DISAPPEARED, AND APPEARED AGAIN...

...AND ONE OF THEM EVENTUALLY SURVIVED.

WE NOW KNOW IT AS "LIFE."

THE REASON THAT LIFE ULTIMATELY SURVIVED...

...WAS BECAUSE IT WAS IN ITS NATURE TO **MULTIPLY**.

LIFE TOOK NEW FORMS IN ORDER TO MULTIPLY...

...ADAPTING TO EVERY KIND OF ENVIRONMENT, AND CULMINATING IN US, TODAY.

GREAT-ER NUM-BERS.

GREATER DIVER-SITY.

GREATER ABUN-DANCE.

THIS IS WHY...

WE SAY THAT THE PURPOSE OF LIFE...

...IS **TO MULTIPLY.**

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THIS SAND.

THESE PEBBLES.

THE WA-TER.

THEY DON'T SEEK TO MULTIPLY.

BUT LIFE NEVER STOPS IN ITS FRANTIC QUEST TO DO SO.

AND DEATH...

...THAT IS, EXTINCTION OF THE SPECIES, RUNS COUNTER TO THE GOAL OF MULTIPLYING.

THAT IS WHY WE FACE THE PUNISHMENT KNOWN AS **FEAR.**

...AND WHY THAT CHILD SO DESPERATELY SOUGHT TO AVOID SUCH PAIN.

GREATER POWER.

GREATER SIZE.

SHE GAVE BIRTH TO AN **UNDYING BODY.**

AND THEN SHE ESCAPED TO A WORLD THAT WAS FREE...

...EVEN OF DEATH.

...WHAT EXACTLY... IS YMIR'S GOAL?

BUT IF THAT'S TRUE...

...IS THAT WORLD FREE OF DEATH.

AND THIS...

THAT GIRL WAS YMIR, THE FOUNDER...

WHY WAS THAT...?

IN SPITE OF ALL THE STRENGTH SHE HAD, SHE COULD NEVER DEFY KING FRITZ.

...TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HER.

...I MYSELF SPENT AN ASTOUNDING AMOUNT OF TIME HERE...

...SHE REMAINED HERE, OBEYING HIM. WHAT WAS THE REASON?

FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS...

SHE DID STILL FEEL ATTACHED TO THE WORLD SHE LEFT BEHIND...

YES...

EREN WAS ABLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT...

...WHEN I COULDN'T.

AND THAT IS WHY YMIR...

...CHOSE **HIM.**

...YOU HAVE TO TELL ME!

ISN'T THERE... SOME WAY OF GETTING BACK TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD FROM HERE?!

WHO KNOWS ...

I THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOW...

...

WHY NOT...?

I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YET.

IS THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF YOUR SPECIES REALLY THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

YOU STILL SEEK TO MULTIPLY?

WELL ...

A FEAR BORN OF LIFE-SUSTAINING FUNCTIONS THAT ARE COMPLETELY WITHOUT MEANING AND...

...ARE THE PITIFUL DEATH THROES OF LIFE FORMS CONTROLLED BY FEAR.

ONE MIGHT SAY WHAT WE'RE WITNESS-ING...

WHAT WE'RE DOING IS **FIGHTING** FEAR!!

BECAUSE WE CAN STILL SAVE SO MANY PEOPLE FROM TERROR...!!

MY FRIENDS... THEY'RE FIGHTING RIGHT NOW!!

...MEANS TO ONE DAY DIE, DON'T YOU?

YOU KNOW THAT TO LIVE...

AND WOULD IT BE SO WRONG TO LOSE THAT FIGHT?

WHO KNOWS ...

PERHAPS ONE'S FINAL MOMENTS...

...BRING SOME KIND OF RELIEF.

THE END OF A LIFETIME BEING MANIPULATED...

...ALL IN THE NAME OF GROWTH...

...WITHOUT EVER KNOWING IF IT MEANS ANYTHING AT ALL.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE FREEDOM TO ME...

THE SUN WAS STARTING TO SET.

WE WERE RUNNING TO THE TREE ON THE HILL.

WE WANTED TO SEE WHICH OF US WOULD GET THERE FIRST.

EREN SHOUTED THAT IT WAS A RACE AND TOOK OFF OUT OF NOWHERE...

MIKASA RAN TOO, BUT STAYED BEHIND HIM ON PURPOSE...

AND I, OF COURSE, WAS DEAD LAST...

BUT... THE BREEZE WAS NICE AND WARM THAT DAY.

IT FELT GOOD JUST TO RUN.

LEAVES FLUTTERED EVERY-WHERE.

AND ...

...FOR SOME REASON, A THOUGHT CAME TO ME.

MAYBE ...

...THE REASON I WAS BORN...

...WAS SO THAT THE THREE OF US COULD RUN THIS RACE, ON THIS DAY.

I THOUGHT THE SAME THING LATER, READING A BOOK ON A RAINY DAY.

AND WHEN I GAVE A SQUIRREL SOME NUTS, AND IT ATE THEM.

AND WHEN WE WALKED AROUND THE MARKET.

...IT CAME TO ME AGAIN.

THAT...

...THESE TRIVIAL MOMENTS...

...MIGHT ACTUALLY BE PRECIOUS...

THAT...

THIS...?

IT WAS BURIED IN THE SAND...

...

WHY IS THAT...

WHO KNOWS...

BUT... TO MY EYES...

...EVEN IF THERE'S NO NEED FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS IN ORDER TO MULTIPLY...

...IT'S STILL INCREDIBLY PRECIOUS.

YES ...

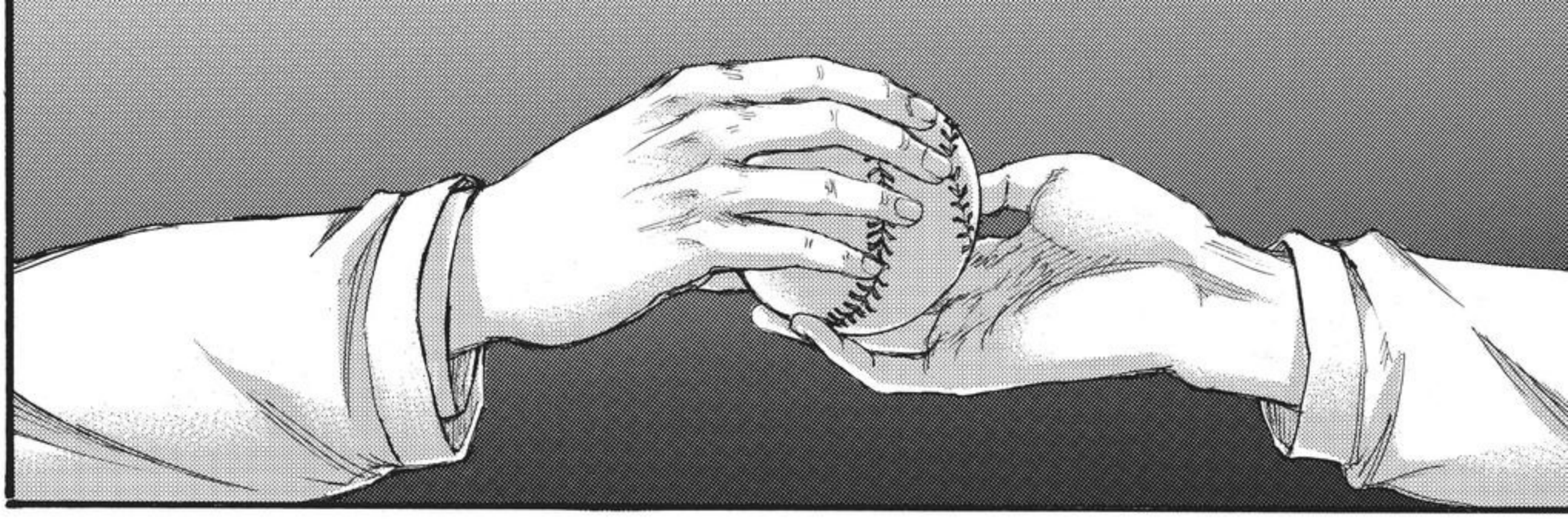
YOU'RE RIGHT.

JUST THROW-ING...

... CATCH-ING ...

...AND THROW-ING AGAIN.

THAT SIMPLE REPETITION.



BUT...
YOU'RE RIGHT...
IT DOESN'T MEAN A THING...

I...
...WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY PLAYING CATCH FOREVER.

UGH-

PIECK!!

WHOOSH

WE NEED TO RETREAT BACK TO WHERE REINER—

YOU'RE DONE!!

...I CAN KEEP FIGHTING ONCE MY ARM'S HEALED...

REINER!!

NGH ...!!

JEAN!!

PIECK!!

MGH!!

GWOOO

BOOM

UGH!!

ANNIE!!

BOOM

WHAT THE ?!

BERTOLT...

WHAT?!

...?!

SNAP

PORCO!!

MARCEL!!

GALLIARD!!

WHA?!

BOOM

YMIR...?!

...I DON'T KNOW...

BUT...

...

BER-TOLT ?!

DID HE JUST **SAVE** US?!

BAM

SHINGG

I WON'T WASTE THIS CHANCE!!

BOOM

I HIT IT !!

KSSST

GIVE... AR- MIN...

WHOOSH

SGRRRK

SSHK

BACK!!

BLURK

ARMIN!!

WHA?!

ZSK

HRAAGH!!

AGH!!

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

ANNIE !!

TUG

THUD

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

ANNIE ...

I'M OKAY NOW.

BUT ...

KH-OFF KH-OFF

SOR-RY...

EVERY-ONE...

ARMIN...

BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM

!!

BE-HIND YOU!!

ANNIE!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

THE TITANS ARE **HELPING** US?!

SEEMS THAT WAY.

HEEY !!

HEEEY!

OVER HEE-ERE!

NO WAY ...

WHAT ...?

...ZEKE.

TH-THMP

I CAN'T SAY I MISSED YOU!!

YOU MISSED ME, DIDN'T YOU, LEVI?!

ZEKE?!

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?!

IT'S THANKS TO MISTER ZEKE...

...IN THE WORLD OF THE PATHS, WHERE NEITHER LIFE NOR DEATH HAS MEANING.

HE WOKE UP EVERYONE WHO WAS ASLEEP...

EVERY ELDIAN IS CONNECTED TO ONE ANOTHER BY THE PATHS.

I THINK...

...IT'S BECAUSE THE FOUNDER, YMIR, WANTED TO BE CONNECTED.

BECAUSE SHE WANTS SOMETHING FROM US...

BER-TOLT...

MISTER KSAVER.

BUT ...

AND I STILL DON'T THINK THE EUTHANIZATION PLAN WAS A MISTAKE...

WE NEVER ACHIEVED OUR DREAM...

...I WOULDN'T MIND LIVING AGAIN, AFTER ALL.

IF IT MEANT GETTING TO PLAY CATCH WITH YOU AGAIN, I GUESS...

FA-THER.

SO... I GUESS I SHOULD THANK YOU.

WE CAN'T JUST STAY HERE.

THAT'S WHY I KNOW.

...EVEN YOUR PRECIOUS MEMORIES.

YOUR LIFE...

YOUR POWER ...

I TOOK EVERYTHING FROM YOU.

PLEASE HELP ME.

WHOOSH

I SUP-POSE...

AFTER ALL THE KILLING I'VE DONE...

...THAT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK.

...WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY IT IS.

...I WISH I HAD SEEN IT EARLIER.

SSSHK

THE RUMBLING...

IT STOPPED ...?

JEAN!!

...
GO!!

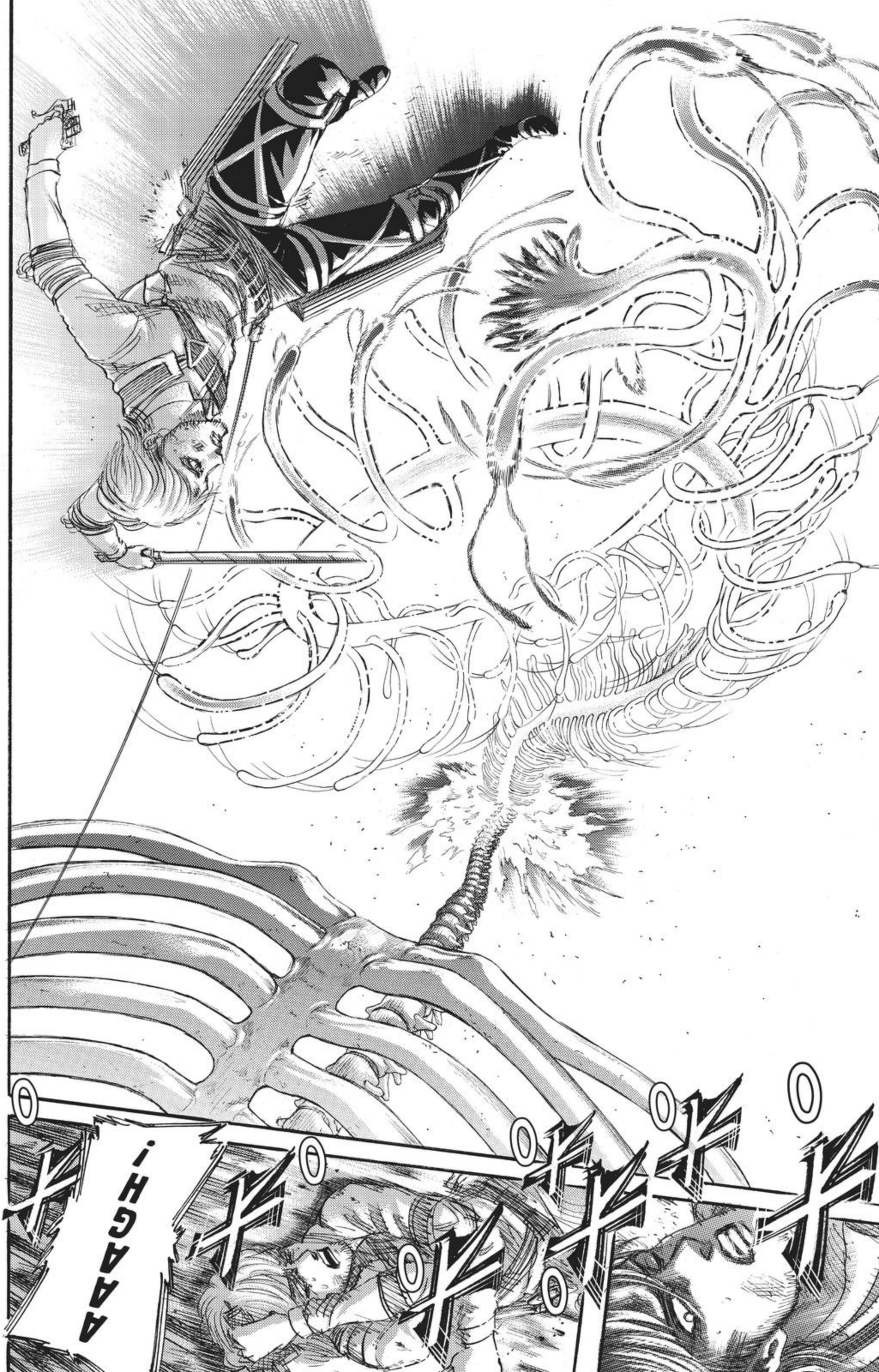
SNATCH

GOOD-BYE...

...YOU SUICIDAL BLOCK-HEAAAAAAAAAADDD

KLK

BOOO


AAAGH!

IT'S GOING AFTER EREN'S HEAD!

IT'S DOING IT AGAIN...?!

THERE IT IS!!

BOOM

!!

REINER!!

BOOM

JEAN!

PIECK !!

ARMIN'S GONNA BLOW THOSE BONES TO PIECES!!

WE NEED TO GET AWAY, QUICK!!

AND ANY-WAY...

THE ARMORED TITAN SHOULD PROTECT HIM FROM THE EXPLOSION.

...WAIT! REINER'S STILL—!!

REINER KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT IT WILL MEAN...

...IF WE LET THIS OPPORTUNITY SLIP AWAY.

...
THANK YOU.

WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR HELP...

...WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STOP THE RUMBLING.

GOOD-BYE...

...EREN.

ATTACK
ON TITAN